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Re: Arroyo Las Positas Flood Mitigation Project – Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)

Dear Mallika Ramachandran:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the Arroyo Las Positas Flood Mitigation Project. The Local Development Review (LDR) Program reviews land use projects and plans to ensure consistency with our mission and state planning priorities. The following comments are based on our review of the October 2024 MND.

Please note this correspondence does not indicate an official position by Caltrans on this project and is for informational purposes only.

Project Understanding

The proposed project includes flood mitigation improvements to a stretch of Arroyo Las Positas which has a reduced channel capacity and is prone to flooding. The purpose of the project is to restore flow for a stretch of Arroyo Las Positas and improve water quality by increasing the adjacent riparian habitat and reducing sediment input resulting from flood events. Arroyo Las Positas flows from east to west through the center of the project site, which includes portions of the Las Positas Golf Course and an undeveloped parcel to the east. Project elements would include expanding the channel flood bank; installing flood walls, flood berms, flood gates, and culverts; raising one golf cart path bridge; and relocating golf course features such as trees and golf cart paths. Construction work would require the removal of 116 riparian trees, which would be replaced at a 3:1 ratio.

Hydrology

Please provide a floodplain analysis report. Any floodplain impacts must be documented and mitigated.

Please note that Caltrans possesses a drainage easement at the eastbound offramp to Airway Blvd. that appears to empty into Arroyo Las Positas Creek. The runoff from the freeway may influence the volume of water that is discharged into the creek.

Construction-Related Impacts

Project work that requires movement of oversized or excessive load vehicles on State roadways requires a transportation permit that is issued by Caltrans. To apply, please visit Caltrans Transportation Permits ([link](#)).

Prior to construction, coordination may be required with Caltrans to develop a Transportation Management Plan (TMP) to reduce construction traffic impacts to the State Transportation Network (STN).

Equitable Access

If any Caltrans facilities are impacted by the project, those facilities must meet American Disabilities Act (ADA) Standards after project completion. As well, the project must maintain bicycle and pedestrian access during construction. These access considerations support Caltrans' equity mission to provide a safe, sustainable, and equitable transportation network for all users.

Encroachment Permit

Please be advised that any permanent work or temporary traffic control that encroaches onto Caltrans' Right-of-Way (ROW) requires a Caltrans-issued encroachment permit.

The Office of Encroachment Permit requires 100% complete design plans and supporting documents to review and circulate the permit application package. The review and approval of encroachment projects is managed through the Encroachment Permits Office Process (EPOP) or the Project Delivery Quality Management Assessment Process (QMAP), depending on project scope, complexity, and completeness of the application. Please use the following resources to determine the appropriate review process:

- TR-0416 Applicant's Checklist ([link](#))
- Flowchart, Figure 1.2 in Chapter 100 – The Permit Function, Caltrans Encroachment Permit Manual ([link](#))

The permit approval may take 30 days to 6 months or more depending on the project scope, size, complexity, completeness, compliance with policies and quality of the

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permit package submitted. Projects requiring exceptions to design standards or external agency approvals may need more time to process.

To obtain more information and download the permit application, please visit Caltrans Encroachment Permits ([link](#)). When the applicant is ready to pursue a Caltrans encroachment permit, please contact D4Permits@dot.ca.gov to initiate the process.

Thank you again for including Caltrans in the environmental review process. Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Melissa Hernandez, Associate Transportation Planner via LDR-D4@dot.ca.gov. For future early coordination opportunities or project referrals, please visit Caltrans LDR website ([link](#)) or contact LDR-D4@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Luo Yunsheng".

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c: State Clearinghouse